

FEB 28 2013

SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO CONTINUE TO COLLABORATE WITH FAMILY AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS TO ESTABLISH, IMPLEMENT, AND MONITOR STATEWIDE POLICIES FOR FAMILY-SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS IN HAWAII'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

1 WHEREAS, family-school partnerships are an important
2 indicator of student success and are important in a child's
3 cognitive, social, and emotional development; and
4

5 WHEREAS, children benefit from family-school partnerships,
6 including at the early childhood, elementary, middle or
7 intermediate, and high school levels; and
8

9 WHEREAS, family-school partnerships help close educational
10 gaps between children of different socioeconomic backgrounds;
11 and
12

13 WHEREAS, family-school partnerships in public education can
14 help to create policies, strategies, and practices that support
15 learning and improve student achievement; and
16

17 WHEREAS, in response to Senate Concurrent Resolution No.
18 145, Regular Session of 2011 (S.C.R. 145), and Senate Concurrent
19 Resolution No. 79, Regular Session of 2012 (S.C.R. 79), the
20 Department of Education, in collaboration with a working group
21 comprised of family and community organizations, completed the
22 following actions in preparation for updating and implementing
23 statewide policies for family-school partnerships:
24

- 25 (1) Presenting draft revisions to the Board of Education
26 of its Parent/Family Involvement Policy No. 2403 to
27 more accurately reflect the nature of the relationship
28 between students' families and their schools that the
29 Department wishes to promote, including renaming the
30 policy the "Family-School Partnership Policy" and
31 including standards adapted from the National Parent
32 Teacher Association Standards for Family-School
33 Partnerships; and



- 1
- 2 (2) Incorporating recommendations from the working group
- 3 into the Department of Education's strategic plan
- 4 regarding family satisfaction with school
- 5 responsiveness, and engaging parent and community
- 6 stakeholders; and
- 7

8 WHEREAS, the following actions are necessary to fulfill the
9 legislative intent of S.C.R. 145 and S.C.R. 79:

- 10
- 11 (1) Adoption by the Board of Education of revisions to its
- 12 Parent/Family Involvement Policy No. 2403 to
- 13 incorporate the suggestions of the working group, and
- 14 collaboration with family and community organizations
- 15 to monitor the implementation of the policy;
- 16
- 17 (2) Update and align the Board of Education's Student
- 18 Support Policy No. 2203 to reflect advancements in
- 19 research and practice in regard to student support and
- 20 family engagement, and collaboration with family and
- 21 community organizations to monitor the implementation
- 22 of the policy;
- 23
- 24 (3) Incorporation of the recommendations of the working
- 25 group into the Department of Education's strategic
- 26 plan regarding improvement of two-way communication
- 27 with families and family and community stakeholder
- 28 organizations;
- 29
- 30 (4) Development of a common set of general practices
- 31 across the Department of Education to ensure that
- 32 families and schools have consistent expectations by
- 33 which to interact and communicate effectively;
- 34
- 35 (5) Coordination of resources and training for families
- 36 and schools to support family-school partnerships'
- 37 effective utilization of training teams that model the
- 38 family-school partnership concept through inclusion of
- 39 school, family, and community members; and
- 40
- 41 (6) Improvement of the effectiveness of the School Quality
- 42 Survey for Parents as a measure of school
- 43 accountability in improving family-school partnerships
- 44 by making the survey available in multiple languages



1 and adding demographic data to assess accurate
2 representation for each school's unique population;
3 now, therefore,
4

5 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-seventh
6 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2013,
7 that the Board of Education and Department of Education are
8 requested to continue to collaborate with family and community
9 organizations to establish, implement, and monitor statewide
10 policy recommendations for family engagement in Hawaii's public
11 schools; and
12

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education and
14 Department of Education are requested to take the necessary
15 actions described above to fulfill the legislative intent of
16 S.C.R. 145 and S.C.R. 79; and
17

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education and
19 Department of Education are requested to report their findings
20 and recommendations regarding the facilitation of family-school
21 partnerships, including any proposed legislation and the status
22 of the actions described above to fulfill the legislative intent
23 of S.C.R. 145 and S.C.R. 79, to the Legislature no later than
24 twenty days prior to the Regular Session of 2014; and
25

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
27 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of
28 Education and the Superintendent of Education.
29
30
31

OFFERED BY:






